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SUBJ: SAUDI RESOLUTION ON MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

1. MR. YAMADA, OF THE JAPANESE MISSION, TOLD MISOFF THAT SAUDI MINISTER YAMANI INFORMED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA ON SEPTEMBER 19 THAT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE BAROODY PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THREE UN MINISTERIAL COMMITTEES TO DEAL WITH ENERGY, MINERAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THE BAROODY PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MODIFIED, AS DESCRIBED BELOW. YAMANI ASKED FOR JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR THE MODIFIED VERSION, AND REPORTED TO THE JAPANESE THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA HAD, ON SEPTEMBER 17, INFORMED THE SAUDIS THAT THE U.S.G. COULD SUPPORT THE REVISED PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE.

2. THE MODIFIED VERSION OF THE RESOLUTION REFLECTS THE FACT THAT THE SAUDIS NO LONGER BELIEVE THAT PETROLEUM CAN BE TREATED AS A SEPARATE ISSUE. THEREFORE, THE SAUDIS ARE NOW
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PROPOSING THAT ONE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE BE CONVENED TO

DISCUSS PETROLEUM, RAW MATERIALS AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

3. ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, ALGERIA, VENZUELA, UNITED STATES, JAPAN, EC-9, INDIA, BRAZIL AND ZAIRE. NIGERIA AND INDONESIA MIGHT BE INCLUDED. THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE ASSISTED BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS WHO WOULD FOLLOW-UP ON MINISTERIAL DELIBERATIONS.

4. YAMANI TOLD THE JAPANESE, WHILE SOLICITING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL, THAT EC-9 HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY THE SAUDIS BUT HAD NOT YET RESPONDED. HE BELIEVES THAT FRANCE IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED.

5. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON REPORTED SAUDI GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL.
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